



## **MBA Board Meeting Minutes, May 23, 2023**

H. Arata called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

In Attendance: Heather Arata, Sandy Baggott, Tim D'Ignazio, Dave Fairman, Stu Eli, Laura Graham, Elizabeth Romaine, Brittany Scharr, David Sibley, Michael Straw

Absent: Ed Blanchard, Ally Britton, Don Connolly

**Consent Agreement:** T. D'Ignazio motion to approve April Minutes and Financial Report. Unanimous approval.

**Comments from the Chair/Retail Update** – Library presented 'Poem In Your Pocket' in April. Over 400 participated. Customers read a poem and get a treat.

State Street Pub will feature 'Cars and Coffee' first Sundays each month.

Game on State received 2023 Love Award from Main Line Parents.

Properly Pressed opened at 300 W. State.

Memorial Weekend was 'great' - PECO and Aqua moved for the weekend which was advantageous.

Recognizing Public Works Week, thanks for all they do.

**Treasurer's Report** – Written reports distributed. MBA in a good spot year to date. Budget vs. Actual is ahead but that is not unusual for this time of year.

**Secretary's Comments** – Dining Under the Stars has 25 participating restaurants, Off the Rail a new participant this year. Balloon twister sponsored by Nemours Children's Health for the season.

5/3/23 included a ribbon cutting photo op – thanks to those who participated. Also that night, Fox29 did live weather reports 4-6PM from State Street.

L.Graham asked for help setting up merch tent at DUTS on 5/31/23. Setup and staffing organized for 5/31/23.

**Executive Director Report** – Written report distributed.

Construction work on Café Sphere (25 E. State Street) is progressing nicely.

B. Scharr and her Be The Joy Foundation was featured in Media City LifeStyle Magazine.

Dining Under the Stars featured on VisitPA website and social media pages in a list of recommended food festivals in the state.

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Media Real Estate declined the concept of parking for employees of State Street District businesses at 200 E. State St.

Looking for event manager for Fall Festival. Also need personnel to oversee Holiday activities/ball drop/ice event.

**Administrative Assistant Report** – Ongoing database updates. Routine tasks handled well – getting a lot done in a short amount of time.

**Borough Liaison** – H. Arata extended thanks to the Borough for informational messages on cars instead of tickets for the first three weeks of DUTS. Enforcement will begin on Wednesdays.

**New Business/Open Discussion** – M. Straw reported Friends of Glen Providence Park four concerts on Saturdays in the Summer. Acknowledged four business sponsors.

Pride Parade June 3 – there will be street closures on the parade route.

D. Fairman indicated he will likely be absent for the June meeting.

Motion to adjourn by M. Straw. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Next meeting June 27, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Prepared by David Sibley, 6/19/23